Overview

This bill allows a local levy to pay the costs of local redistricting and makes changes to provisions governing local election district boundaries.

Section

1 Redistricting expenses. Permits a county board to levy a tax not to exceed $1 per capita to pay reasonable costs of redistricting, establishing precinct boundaries, designation of polling places, and updating voter records. Provides for the county to distribute to each municipality in the county the equal to 25 cents per capita. Exempts the levy from statutory levy limits.

2 Boundary change procedure. Permits an alternate date for a local government to adopt changes in procedures for coordination of precinct boundary changes with reestablishment of local government election districts as provided in rules of the secretary of state.

3 Correction to election district boundaries. Permits the secretary of state to order corrections to an election district boundary when a municipal boundary that was coterminous with a congressional, legislative, or county commissioner district boundary has changed and the affected territory has 50 or fewer registered voters. Makes the election district boundary change effective 28 days after the order is issued. Requires notice.

4 Redistricting; cities with wards.

Subd. 1. General provisions. Requires any city, whether statutory or home rule charter, that elects council members by wards to have wards as equal in population as practicable, with compact and contiguous territory, and to require the council member to be a resident of the ward. (Because the definitions in chapter 200 apply to this section, striking the word "statutory" means city includes both a statutory and home rule charter city.)

Subd. 2. Effective date. Strikes language that permits a city by ordinance to redefine ward boundaries after a municipal general election. Strikes the language that requires a city to either reconfirm ward boundaries or redefine them after the federal decennial census or a special
census. Strikes the provision that prohibits compensation to the mayor or council members until the wards are confirmed or redefined. Strikes the provision that makes ward boundaries established at times other than in relation to legislative redistricting effective 90 days after adoption of the ordinance.

**Subd. 3. Transition schedule.** No change.